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## SPADEWORK BEGINS FOR FATEFUL BIG THREE CONFERENCE

London, Apr. 23.—The arrival here today of the American Ambassador-at-Large, Dr Philip Jessup—fresh from his fact-finding tour round the world—heralds the opening of the most important West Powers' conference since the Atlantic Pact was signed a year ago.

Their scope will be world-wide, their subjects unlimited and their purpose to line up Western policy more coherently, more effectively and more continuously.

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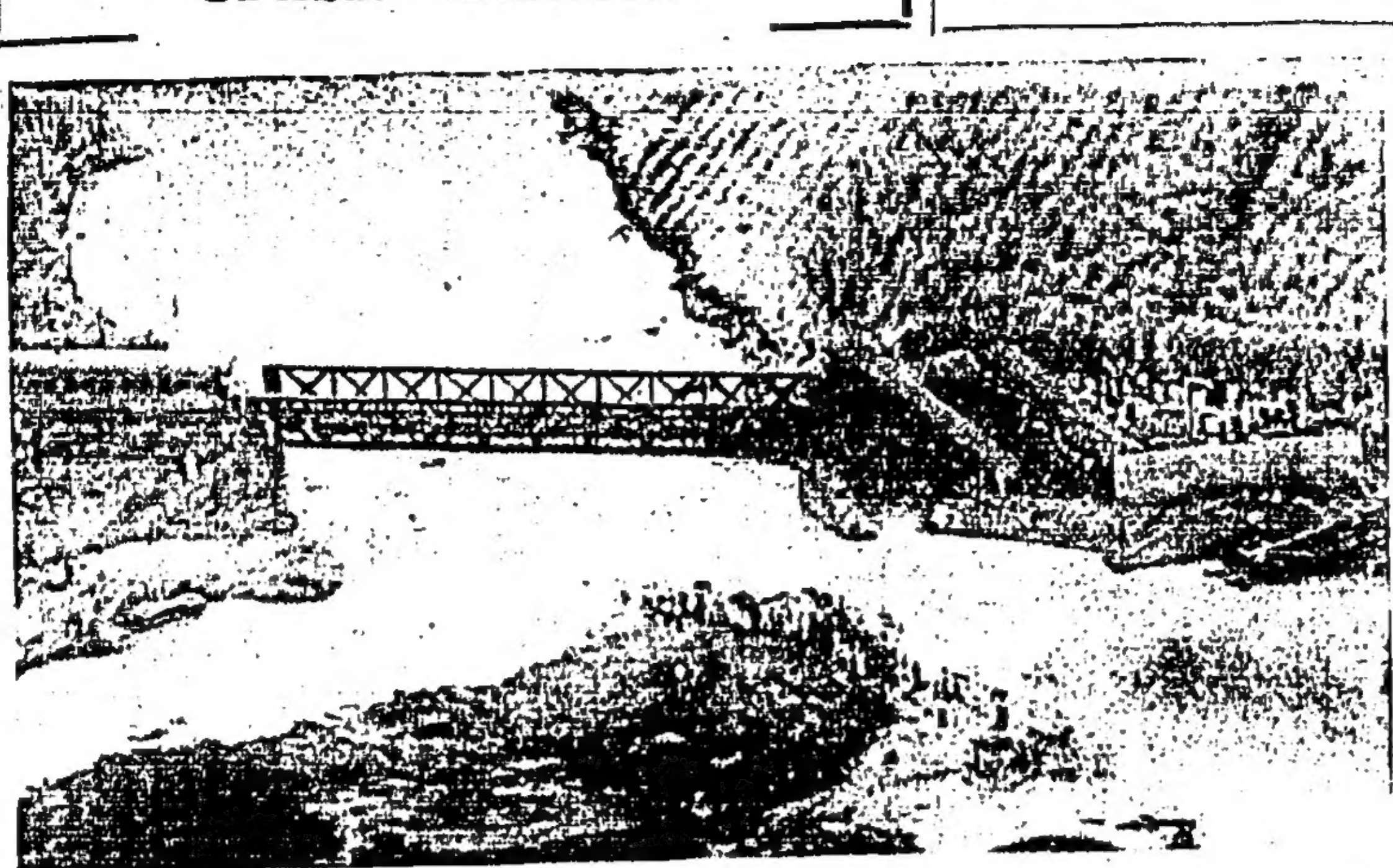
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## Shocking Brazilian Rail Crash Disaster



View of the wrecked locomotive and coaches of a passenger train from Rio de Janeiro to Victoria, which plunged from a bridge into a river a fortnight ago. Almost 100 persons were killed and a great many more injured. (London Express Service)

## Remarkable Scene Interrupts Vienna Ceremonies

Vienna, Apr. 23.—A sensational scene took place this morning in St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, when the Coadjutor, Dr Franz Jachym, in the middle of a ceremony in which he was being consecrated a Bishop, suddenly declared himself unworthy of the honour and left the Cathedral.

The ceremony was being conducted by Cardinal Innitzer in the presence of the Austrian Chancellor, Dr Leopold Figl, and the Education Minister, Dr Hurdus.

Just before the ritual of consecration began, Dr Jachym, looking very pale, made the following declaration, first in Latin and then in German, to the congregation:

"Having pondered the matter for several sleepless nights, I do not feel myself suited for the high office of Bishop. Therefore I ask to be allowed to withdraw my candidature and make this request with all determination and humility."

"I ask the clergy and the people to pray for me,"

Dr Jachym then asked Cardinal Innitzer to continue the Mass, which was being celebrated, and left the Cathedral.

He is reported to have driven to a convent in the second district of Vienna and to have locked himself in there.

After Mass had been finished, the Canon of the Cathedral, Dr Dora, made a brief address to the excited congregation. He pointed out that other Saints and Bishops in Church history had resisted taking of the Bishop's office and asked those present not to pass judgment but to respect the "decision of a resolute and humble conscience."

PERSONAL CRISIS

The incident has caused great perturbation in Church circles here. Dr Jachym was only recently appointed to the office of Coadjutor to Archbishop Innitzer. He was one of the youngest priests ever to hold this office and a brilliant future in the Catholic Church was predicted for him.

The only explanation offered for this sudden change of mind of Dr Jachym is that he was passing through a personal nervous crisis, which made him feel at least temporarily unable to accept the high office offered him.—Reuter.

Face Slapping At The Dean's Peace Rally

Sydney, Apr. 23.—Face-slapping and fistuffs marked a "Peace" rally this afternoon at which Dr Hewlett Johnson, the Dean of Canterbury, addressed a crowd of 7,000 people here.

A young man who shouted to the Dean "Go Back to Russia" and his face slapped by a woman. The woman's tall companion then punched him heavily on the face.

Dr Johnson was greeted with the Communist clenched fist salute when he arrived at the rally, which was organised by the Australian Peace Council. He reiterated that it was a lie to say that Russia wanted war.

Her standard of living had risen so high, he said, that he wanted only peace. Police mingling with the crowd stopped women collecting signatures to a petition protesting against the possibility of Australian troops being sent to Malaya.—Reuter.

## Labour Party's Survival Felt To Be Touch And Go

### MOUNTING UNREST ON WAGE FREEZE

### Tory Budget Challenge

London, Apr. 23.—The fate of Britain's Labour Government balances on a razor edge this week, with the Conservatives in the evenly matched House of Commons out for the kill in Wednesday's crucial votes on the Budget.

Simultaneously, the two months' old administration is menaced by a crisis among its industrial following, where over 5,000,000 trade unionists are fighting the official wage freeze.

The Government recognises that its Parliamentary survival is a case of touch and go. It plans an immediate general election if defeated in the critical Wednesday votes on increased petrol and new taxation payments.

The Government's continued existence may depend to some extent on whether the nine Liberals in Parliament vote for or against the Government.

But Labour will assume their hostility and count only on its own following—what, if not actually bed-ridden, will be marshalled to the division lobbies.

The Conservatives may have some reservations about their own position in forcing a final showdown with the Government now.

Mr Winston Churchill, the leader of the Conservatives, and his followers realise that fresh elections might produce another stalemate—with his Party in an even more precarious position than the Socialists today.

The Government, which has an overall majority of only four votes in the House, believes that it will beat the Conservatives—even with a risk list of probably 10 members.

Political observers generally consider the odds favour the Government.

BREATHING SPACE

If it can last out this week the Government may have a breathing space in which to grapple with the mounting industrial unrest against the Chancellor, Sir Stafford Cripps' refusal to make bigger budget concessions to the cost of living.

### Grenades Thrown In Brittany

Paris, Apr. 23.—Twelve people were injured, several having to be conveyed to hospital, when two training hand-grenades were thrown during a scuffle between Communists and soldiers in Quimper, Brittany, last night.

Fifty paratroopers shouted and assaulted a stand when a Communist councillor spoke of the "dirty war in Indo-China" and the scuffle followed.

The Communist meeting had been arranged in protest following recent riots at Brest.—Reuter.

### HUNDREDS OF WHALES DIE

Strangely, Orkney Islands, Apr. 23.—Dozens of whales, washed ashore here yesterday by an exceptionally high tide, were dying a slow death today.

Only about 20 were estimated to be still alive, out of hundreds which came aground.

The island authorities yesterday sent out an SOS for outside help to deal with the whales, but by this afternoon there had been no response.

The whales, from 15 to 20 feet in length, were lying bunched together on sandbanks. "There is a famine out there," Captain E.H. Clements, the Strangely Harbour Master, said today. "But if left the much longer, it may well bring disease to the island."—Reuter.

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### Malaya Moves Predicted

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The newspaper said that the new Minister of War, Mr John Strachey, anxious to "relieve" the blot on his career, was planning new moves to deal with the increasing "disquiet" about Malaya.—Reuter.

## TRAIL OF WRECKS IN MOTORRACE

Brescia, Apr. 23.—A trail of wrecked cars was left half across Italy today as 383 of Europe's leading racing drivers fought through blinding rain-storms in the famous Mille Miglia road race.

The British motor racing driver, P.A. Woods, and his relief driver, Monkhouse, were seriously injured when their Healey car hurtled off the course near Padua. They were rushed to hospital.

Near Ferrara, two Lancia "Aprillas" were in collision. The drivers and one mechanic were injured.

At Ferrara, a car overturned and rolled wildly off the road. The Italian driver was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

At Chielli, as the cars turned inland from the Adriatic coast, seven cars overturned one after another on a wide but treacherous bend. All but one of them continued in the race, after the drivers and mechanics had struggled desperately to get their machines upright and on the road again.

The driver and mechanic of one car, a Maserati, were taken to hospital badly injured, with three spectators who were knocked over as the machine hurtled off the road.

The first victim of the 1,000-mile Journey was a midsize Fiat, which less than 50 miles from the start crashed into a lamp post near Verona and was wrecked. The driver and the mechanic were taken to hospital.—Reuter.

### TRAMWAY STRIKE TO END

Melbourne, Apr. 23.—Melbourne tramwaymen on strike since February 23 decided at a mass meeting today to resume work tomorrow morning.

Whether the city's tram services will continue to run normally depends on the track maintenance men, also on strike, who will meet tomorrow morning to discuss a return to work.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Unification Of Western Europe

THE Communist menace in South-East Asia and the prospects of a peace treaty with Japan are to be important items on the agenda when Mr Dean Acheson meets Mr Bevin and M. Schumann in London early next month. It seems more than likely, however, that the question of a European Union which includes Germany will become the most urgent issue. Both President Truman and Mr Acheson have in the past few days made impressive re-statements of American foreign policy and both warned of growing Soviet pressure threatening to precipitate a new crisis in Europe unless adequate steps are taken to meet the situation. The earliest possible creation of an effective European Union offers the solitary sound prospect. At the same time, the question raises fundamental problems which require searching examination by interested parties before they can be solved. For what Western Europe faces today is a threat more serious than that which confronted the West during the Congress of Vienna following the Napoleonic Wars. Then the Czar attempted to establish his hegemony over Europe by exploiting a victory over Napoleon. Today, Communist Russia seeks aggrandizement on a different level, seeking not only to swallow the vanquished but also to dominate the territories of Russia's ex-allies. The solution during the Congress of Vienna was an alliance between the Western victors and vanquished. And events today appear likely to force countries of the West in a similar direction. In fact, despite earlier resistance to the idea of the inclusion of Germany, or at least that part of Germany which is not in Soviet

control, the practical realities have so changed attitudes that there is no longer any difference in principle, though there is still a wide difference of opinion as to the extent of such an inclusion. The agreement signed between the Bonn Government and the Western Allies specifically said that the primary objective of the latter is the incorporation of the German Republic as a peaceful member of the European community and its association with the countries of Western Europe in all fields. That objective has been urged by many European statesmen and recently has been taken up more frequently by spokesmen for the United States. The idea was advanced as early as September, 1946, by Mr Winston Churchill. The Foreign Minister of France, M. Schuman, has urged Frenchmen and Germans to work together for the good of Europe, and his stand has been seconded by both M. Paul Reynaud and General de Gaulle. On the German side, Dr Adenauer has emphasised his belief that Germany's destiny lies with the West and proposed both a French-German union and a European parliament. But as head of a democratic Government he is inevitably compelled to press for both German equality and German security. Much anxious discussion will plainly be a necessary preliminary to an agreed solution satisfactory to the peoples concerned, but as Mr Acheson said on Saturday the world is faced with a challenge to the very basis of Western civilisation and it can only be met by unity. It is to be hoped that the meeting of the Big Three Foreign Ministers will produce results calculated to speed up the process

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## High Blood Pressure Not Necessarily A Hindrance To Useful Life

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

ONE of the serious conditions which comes with middle age is that known to doctors as essential hypertension. This is high blood pressure, for which no definite cause can be found in heart, kidney, or blood vessel disease, as is the case in other types of increased pressure.

It is by far the most common kind of high blood pressure. For this reason, and because its cause is not known, essential hypertension has been the subject of many studies. One of the most recent of these was carried out recently by Drs. David W. Blood and George A. Perera of America. It is of great interest because it shows that people with this very common condition can and do live many years despite the increase in their blood pressure.

### Fifty Patients

The records of fifty patients who, when first seen, had a blood pressure of more than 140 and who had no severe symptoms on their first examination, were carefully analysed. Half of the patients had mild headaches as their only complaint. The average age of the patients was 42 years. These patients were watched at an average of 17 years, the shortest period being 10 years and the longest 27.

The study showed that there was a tendency for the blood pressure to increase gradually throughout the period of study. For example, the average blood pressure at the start was 162, and at the time of last observation was 204.

### Other Symptoms

The patients also developed other symptoms during the course of the study. Some complained of tiredness, nervousness, dizziness, and rapid and noticeable beating of the heart. The most frequent complaint, occurring in three out of four patients, was headache, but most of these headaches were not of the severe type. The

important thing is that almost half of the patients, at the end of this long period of observation, were living normal lives, getting along well, and suffering no severe symptoms. Only about one out of five developed serious complaints or had symptoms of beginning of heart trouble.

It would seem, therefore, that it is not unusual, by any means, for those with high blood pressure to live a long period of time.

### Freedom from Strain

Rest and freedom from strain are important. In those patients who are overweight, the use of a well-balanced, reducing diet, which only helps to make it is often beneficial.

Of course, the complications of high blood pressure cause the greatest difficulty; yet, even when such things as heart trouble develop, with proper care and treatment, the patient can live a long and useful life. Thus, high blood pressure is not necessarily a hindrance to many years of useful, happy living.

## Tied to Your Apron Strings

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

HOW self-reliant is your child? How much do you do for him that he easily could do himself? Do you start him to do each of many routine things? A mother's complaint: "He is becoming quite a problem in many ways. His days are all about the same. We wake him up at 7.30 and feed him. He gets pretty good marks at school."

"When he comes from school he wants to go out and play and he has not made himself ready for school on time let him go to school late. I hope that the consequences of his tardiness will be effectively unpleasant to him. If he is late for several consecutive mornings let the school know beforehand of the new training plan."

Told to Eat  
"The same thing goes on about his eating. He has to be told to eat each thing and he'll groan and fuss just like he was in pain and make all sorts of excuses not to eat. He is late to school half the time unless I dress and feed him. He gets pretty good marks at school."

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## Ginger Lends Courtroom Glamour

"PERFECT Strangers" is the story of a murder trial jury. Among the twelve called upon in the trial of a man alleged to have pushed his estranged wife off a cliff, so that he may be free to wed his pretty secretary, are Ginger Rogers and Dennis Morgan.

Miss Rogers as a career girl separated from her husband, and Morgan as a married man with two small daughters, fall in love during the trial in which the jury is quartered in a crowded Los Angeles hotel, completely isolated from friends and family. Realisation of their own domestic predicament puts them in sympathy with the man on trial for his life. He may have left his wife and fallen in love with another woman, they argue, but that doesn't mean he is capable of murder.

**The Opposition**  
Margalo Gilmore, the Broadway actress playing the snooty juror who is very vocal about her annoyance at having to live, eat and sleep in a mediocre hotel "with all these strange people," takes the other side. A man who will desert his wife (as her husband did her) would do anything—and she knows he is guilty.

As the trial progresses—and Morgan and Miss Rogers fall more and more hopelessly in love—tension mounts in the jury. Thelma Ritter is delightful as a pregnant housewife who has difficulty making up her mind and Anthony Ross is excellent as the master with ideas about the attractively blonde Miss Rogers.

**Well-Groomed Juror**  
The characterisations are all well drawn, the photography first class and the Jerry Wald production is smooth and knowing. Perhaps Miss Rogers is a shade too glamorous and perfectly groomed as a girl who is losing her own hair and sharing one bath with three other women jurors.

## STRAPLESS TOP TO END?



EXAMPLE NO. 1: an attached stole which can be worn loosely round the shoulders.



EXAMPLE NO. 2: a new kind of neckline—with a petal lapel at the back. (London Express Service)

## Household Hints

Before buying a saucepan, put it down on a level base and see how lumpy it is. If the handle is too heavy or the bottom of the pan is not large enough, it will always be a source of trouble and danger.

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## Tied to Your Apron Strings

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HOW self-reliant is your child? How much do you do for him that he easily could do himself? Do you start him to do each of many routine things? A mother's complaint: "He is becoming quite a problem in many ways. His days are all about the same. We wake him up at 7.30 and feed him. He gets pretty good marks at school."

"When he comes from school he wants to go out and play and he has not made himself ready for school on time let him go to school late. I hope that the consequences of his tardiness will be effectively unpleasant to him. If he is late for several consecutive mornings let the school know beforehand of the new training plan."

Told to Eat  
"The same thing goes on about his eating. He has to be told to eat each thing and he'll groan and fuss just like he was in pain and make all sorts of excuses not to eat. He is late to school half the time unless I dress and feed him. He gets pretty good marks at school."

## Right Corset All-Important



Vall, popular movie star, says the right corset or foundation garment makes a good figure look even better. Choose yours with care.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IN olden days a woman lashed herself into a steel-riveted corset that squeezed her waist-line down to eighteen inches. Old timers say that the candidates for the wisp waist threw the corset laces around a bed post and pulled. Ideals of beauty have progressed since those days and comfort now plays a part, as is proved by the designs of foundation garments that women are wearing. They mould the figure, give proper support where support should be, allow freedom of movement.

Some women fling money like crazy for complexion treatments, permanents, elegant dry goods and smart millinery, yet are content with a foundation garment that just serves, does nothing else. The correctly cut, well-fitted corset will shadow the over curves, enhance the silhouette and inspire the wearer to stand up like a soldier and march like one—erect, spirited, graceful!

Equally important as the corset is the brassiere which is necessary for health and comfort, fashion and beauty. The femininity vogue is spotlighting fashion and beauty as never before, and should direct a woman's attention to the choosing of the correct bra.

Being extremely delicate, breast tissue needs firm but unrestricting support. Excessive pressure is a danger. Conversely, lack of proper support inflicts due strain upon the muscles and tissues.

There are three lines that the industry refers to as bandeau, bra and long line. The bandeau is for the youthful figure; the bra gives more diaphragm control and a firm uplift for the heavier bosom. The long line makes for smooth midriff control and distribution of flesh.

When buying a bra or a corset, seek professional advice. Go to an experienced corsetier who will recognise your special requirements.

## Apple Sauce Served Six Ways

"MANY hotel chefs always keep in the refrigerator a jar of apple sauce," observed Chef "Apple Sauce" of the "Apple Sauce" restaurant. "Apple sauce is a very versatile food. Served in glass dishes and nicely decorated, it becomes a dessert. Warm, and seasoned with a little butter, it's like a vegetable. Look, here I have on this paper noted down six ways with apple sauce."

**For breakfast**, with sausage, bacon or ham. "In that case it would be good heated, Chef, with a little butter and cinnamon. The second idea is to serve apple sauce with waffles, griddle cakes or French toast. Very nice, Chef!"

"Now who comes next? 'Serve apple sauce on top of any kind of cereal.'"

"Oul, Madame, on top the crisp corn or rice flakes or shredded wheat in deep bowls. Or if the cereal is hot, as farina or oatmeal or rice, I would add a little butter, put the cereal in a deeper bowl, hollow out and fill with warm apple sauce. You could add a few raisins."

"Now for your fourth idea. 'Make apple sauce gelatin and serve with lamb or mutton, lamb salad or sandwiches.' But just how do you make apple sauce 'gelatin'?"

**Lemon Gelatin**  
"I use 1 package prepared lemon gelatin; add 1½ cups heated apple sauce and ¼ cup boiling water."

"Now for the last two uses. 'Add a little shredded orange pulp or pineapple to apple sauce and serve very cold with pork in any form. But what's this? 'Dessert. It is a kind of hurry-up'."

**Five-Minute Apple Pie**  
"Bring 2 cups sweetened apple sauce to a boil. Whip 1 egg white stiff; add yolk to white and beat. Fold beaten egg into the hot apple sauce, and pour into a baked plain or cookie crumb pie shell and set aside to cool. Spread with sweetened whipped cream or a thin layer of marshmallow cream."

**Dinner**  
Tossed Salad  
Pot Roasted Chicken  
Giblet Gravy  
Green and Red Pepper Rice  
Green Peas  
Drop Biscuits  
Cinnamon Apple Pie  
Coconut Banana Cream Pie  
Coffee or Tea. Milk (Children)  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

**Baked Fish Fillets Croole**  
First prepare the Croole sauce. To do this, peel and mince 1 onion; garlic; peel and chop 1 medium-sized onion; chop enough celery to make ¼ c. and wash, core and slice-chop 1 green pepper. Melt 3 tbs. butter, margarine or shortening in a frying pan, or use 3 tbs. cooking oil. Slowly sauté the vegetables until very soft. Add 1½ c. minced tomatoes and stir thoroughly. Arrange from 1 to 1½ lbs. fresh or defrosted fish fillets, any kind, on a large oiled baking platter. Dust with ¼ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Cover with the Croole sauce. Bake 30 min. at 350 F.



## INGRID'S BABY—AN ENGLISH GIRL POSED FOR THE FAKE PHOTOGRAPH



This is the picture that Jacqueline posed for and, right, how it appeared in the Italian magazine, with Ingrid Bergman's head superimposed.



Right: Jacqueline Lethbridge wears a black woolen dress and a yellow jacket, an outfit she bought in Rome.



## 'I never saw her—I was told on the way'

JUST back in London from Rome, where she has spent six months as a freelance fashion model, is 26-year-old Jacqueline Lethbridge, who posed as Ingrid Bergman for the photograph in an Italian magazine which purported to show Ingrid in bed with her baby son.

Jacqueline is living with her parents at their antique shop in Richmond, and she told a reporter the story of how the picture came to be arranged.

Mrs. Bergman was in the Villa Margherita, where Roberto Rossellini would show no photographs of her. Jacqueline was still in bed in Rome one February morning when the telephone rang.

"It was the magazine, asking me if I would do a photographic modelling job at the Villa Diana—another smart nursing home in Rome."

"I was told to take a night-dress and a bed-jacket. I had to borrow a bed-jacket as I did not possess such a thing. It was not until I was in a car on the way to the nursing home that I was told what the job was to be."

"I was to pose in bed with a nurse standing on one side and a doctor and another man on the other. Afterwards my head was to be replaced by a photograph of Ingrid's, the man's by Rossellini's, and the doctor's and nurse's by photographs of Ingrid's own doctor and nurse."

"They had asked me to pose because in profile they thought I did not look unlike Ingrid."

The baby which Jacqueline held in her arms for the picture was only 10 hours old, a little boy "borrowed" from one of the patients in the Villa Diana.

The background of the published picture was superimposed from a photograph of a room underneath Ingrid's, furnished in exactly the same way.

"I never saw Ingrid or Rossellini during all the time I was in Rome," said Jacqueline. "I think I should have been a little embarrassed."

Jacqueline went to Rome as a freelance fashion model after a holiday last year in Venice.

She does not diet or take any special exercise, to preserve her figure. "I lead a very gay life and enjoy every moment of it."

—(London Express Service)

### MINISTER PROBES SLAVERY CHARGES

## 'MEN ARE CHAINED BY THE NECK'

MR P. A. MCBRIDE, Australian Minister of the Interior, is to fly to the Northern Territory to investigate charges of slavery among the aborigines, the original inhabitants.

Cattle owners and doctors in the sparsely populated territory are demanding that a royal commission be set up to sift the allegations.

These are that aborigines are chained and herded into camps without trial; are refused freedom of movement; that money they earn is taken from them by the Department for Native Affairs; and that "barbarous treatment by the Queensland authorities" has reduced the original 200 tribes to 40.

Rough-riding cattle-man Watson Byers, whose property of 5,000 square miles is as big as Yorkshire and Lancashire together, charges that the natives are worked in conditions of slavery.

Hundreds of them, he says, are employed for their food, tobacco, and £1 a week. Their clothing is marked off against the £1, and what is left is compulsorily sent to the Department for Native Affairs.

### 'IT'S PIRACY'

"It is supposed to be a trust," says Byers, "but dozens of accounts remain from pre-war for natives who have never claimed them. It is bare-faced piracy."

"None of the natives has freedom of movement. I flew one of my stockmen, named Quondong, to the town of Katherine for hospital treatment. When he was cured, the police refused to allow him to return to his wife, his home, and his job."

"And according to law, any white man who gives an aborigine a lift in this territory is liable to three months' gaol unless the man has a permit."

Dr L. Thompson, who has just returned from years of service in the territory, says: "I have been disgusted that the natives are chained together by the neck and interned in camps without trial."

The Australian Actors' Equity has taken up the case of an aborigine film actor, Henry Murdoch, who has a prominent part in the film "Bitter Springs."

Although the salary minimum for white players was £14 10s. a week, it is alleged that the Department for Native Affairs would allow Murdoch to be paid only £6, and the department kept back £4 of this.

### CAN - CAN



NEW YORK actress Diana Herberth helps to bring back into popularity the one-piece bathing suit. She made this one herself, adapting it from a Gay Nineties can-can costume. (Acme).

## TAILORS RISE TO DEFENCE

London's top tailors, rising to defend the way British men dress, say that "king-sized" hats in America suggest that every man is a frustrated cowboy.

The tailors, taking exception to American columnist Robert Ruark's statements that British men dress "worse than any men alive," also have a bad word for Americans' "weird neon light ties" and loud shirts.

Americans may be cool to British fashions because "every suit does not include a shiny cap pistol to match," the tailors said.

As for Ruark's remark that the British male seems to get his hair cut with knife and fork, British tailors said the U.S. crew cut suggested that American barbers pulled out hair with their fists.

The tailors also reminded Ruark that it was America that fired the zoot suit, and to remember reports that in Kentucky "you have to throw the men on their backs before you can get boots on them."

## Character Told By Haircuts

After 20 years study of customers, two leading Broadway barbers say they can tell a man's character by his haircut.

Barbers Roy Feder and Rudy Aladano, who have thousands of case histories in their files, have divided men into these eight types:

1. The artist - Intellectual. Hair usually looks like a haystack in high wind, is inclined to be absent-minded about anniversaries, hats, rubbers and umbrellas, but always remembers he's married when a pretty girl walks by.

2. The floorpomp: Hair fluffed down on top, but so luxuriant on sides that subject has to almost screw his hat on. This type is normally a faithful husband and generally untidy.

3. The boxhedge: Length of hair may vary from half an inch to three inches, but invariably stands up straight from forehead to nape, an aggressive force, quick to anger and one who can't be talked out of a conviction, even by tears.

4. The middle-of-the-road part: He finds it hard to make up his mind on anything. He will marry a girl if she asks him, but is likely to founder if the decision is left up to him.

5. The squiggle part: No matter where it starts in front, the parting weaves as it moves back; this reveals a man who favours round-about methods of gaining an objective.

6. The bushy back: Hair blossoms long and thick after it passes the ears; a sure sign of a man with submerged fears.

7. Emphatically bald: He has the barber clip what's left of his hair very short, considers himself a stern realist and won't tolerate what he calls "pipe dreams," will tell his wife her hat looks horrible, if it does.

8. The self-deceiver: Bald man who swears like a truck driver. If barber accidentally hits long whips of hair which he combs over hairless areas of scalp, he's in no hurry to stare grim facts in the face, will idolize girl who sees wonderful things in him, whether they're there or not.

## Wullyum Shackspear Wur Brought Wroiter

By Robert Musil

London, Apr. 23.—Wullyum Shackspear was playerite whus characters fawked something loik this at toim he wroit his faimus plays loik "Hamlet" and "Macbeth."

## 20 Hours Of A New Word Is The Cure

New York. A new word, dianetics, is sweeping this country. It originated with L. Ron Hubbard, author of a book which promises cures for psychosomatic ills without benefit of psychiatrist.

All you have to do is take on 20 hours of "dianetic reveries," over which "any intelligent layman" can preside. After the reveries, a "confused individual" is supposed to become a "clear" (which means intelligence better than the normal) or, if all goes especially well, he may even become a "releaser" (which means free of all major unklities or illnesses).

BACK TO SEA.—People who accept stories of the sort that came home across hundreds of miles are baffled by the case of Arab, collier mascot of the coastguard weather ship Yakutat.

Arab strolled ashore while the ship was in dock at Boston and they sailed without him. A week later, while the Yakutat was docked at Portland, Maine, 107 miles away, Arab trotted up the ramp and went to where his plate used to be.

He had never been on the East coast of the U.S.A. before, joined the ship two years ago at San Francisco.

EAT YOUR HAT.—At Philadelphia, a department store is selling hats made of cake, price £1 each. Styles—mostly ordinary hat size sailor models, with frosted puffed leins resembling ribbons and flowers. Sales are brisk.

FOR MEN one of New York's more glittering outfits is advertising two handkerchiefs for £38 10s.—"pure, sheer linen." You get a handsome pliskin case included in the price.

FOR WOMEN there is a new kit offering all the materials and instructions for making your own "pearl" necklaces, earrings, brooches and rings. It sells for £1 is. in the department stores.

PERCED EARS are by no means a thing of the past. More and more women are having the job done. Latest Actress, Faye Emerson. She likes, look, awinging earrings and hales to lose them.

### POPULATION ESTIMATE

There are 43,785,000 persons in England and Wales, according to the latest estimate of the Registrar General's office.

There has been no official census since 1931 because of the war interruption. The population in 1931 was 39,952,377 persons.

Wat uh toim we moderns wud harve had troying understahnd them so let's naht regret, as scholars sometoims dew, that we weren't parsonahly present in Globe Theaterr in early 1600's when Shackspear wur brought, young wroiter from Stratford-on-Avon.

It is easier to let Prof. Daniel Jones take us back through the centuries, phonetically, and today he emphasised that so rapidly has the English language been changing that the spoken word of even 500 years ago would have been gibberish to the Englishman of today.

And Mark Twain was stretching literary licence to its limit when he put his Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. No living man could possibly understand the melange of archaic tongues that made up the "English" of King Arthur's day. Not even Prof. Jones, who is a world-renowned authority on language and Professor of Phonetics at London University.

Prof. Jones became interested some time ago, with other scholars, in recreating the spoken sound of other eras, and took as his province the Elizabethan period. The other scholars worked on Chaucer (14th century) and on early 18th century pronunciation—the era of Congreve, the playwright, and Pope, the poet.

INTRIGUING TRAIL The trail of the lost pronunciation was as intriguing and as complicated as a detective mystery. But Prof. Jones finally evolved what he calls "the probable dialect of Southern England" in Shackspear's time from many laborious sources.

One of the most fruitful of these was a comparison of old letters written before spelling crystallised. Many writers in that comparatively alphasd era spelled words phonetically, and from a study of many thousands of these words Prof. Jones compiled a list of Elizabethan pronunciations.

Today I listened to the famous soliloquy, "All the world's a stage," from "As You Like It" and passages from "The Tempest" and "Richard II" as they probably sounded to the audiences in theatres of Shackspear's day.

STRANGE TO HEAR "All worlds stayige," Prof. Jones began. He pronounced words like noorse, age like nyge, repowtation like repowtation, what and well like hwat and hwel, earth like alrth, court like coort, looks like lukes, war like wair, and bosom like bosom.

They fell strangely on the ear—just as oddly, Prof. Jones says, as the English of today will sound to the men and women—if any—of 2500 A.D.

Since there has not been another Shackspear, our language became what it is today. Mybes we art goo back to Elizabethan speaking and wroiting—a gayne, ay?—United Press.

## Not Selling To Both Sides

Ottawa, April 23.—External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson today said that careful Government investigation had completely disproved charges in Commons that Canada had shipped arms to both sides in the Chinese civil war.

Mr Pearson said that he would deal with the charges fully before the special House Committee on External Affairs. The charges were made by General G. R. Pearkes.

General Pearkes had named two Canadian ships, the Lake Canim and the Argovan, as having "respectively carried armaments to the Chinese Communist and Nationalist last October and in March of this year."

Mr Pearson said that Government investigation had established that the Lake Canim, which had run the Nationalist blockade and discharged cargo in Communist China, had not carried any weapons or war material. Its cargo had been "highly miscellaneous and general" with considerable quantities of newspaper and cod liver oil.

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### ENTERTAINMENT IN AIR



WHILE flying from Los Angeles to New York, George Burton puts two of his trained birds to work to entertain stewardess Betty Gibson. There were 24 of the feathered entertainers on the flight and, since all of them perform, there must have been no end of diversion for the passengers. (Acme).

### K. O. CANNON . . . . . A NEW ADVENTURE—WITH WHISPER



### CRACK-UP IN THE DESERT



THIS photo shows part of the rear section of the fuselage of a U.S. Army B-50 bomber that exploded in mid-air near Hyder, Arizona. The giant Saguaro cactus was uprooted in the crash, which took the lives of 12 of a 14-man crew. The ambulance in the background took the victims to a hospital. (Acme).



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—London Express Service.The 28lb. baby  
everybody lovesBRUMAS: Why do 5,000  
people pay £400 an  
hour to see her?

BY JOSEPH GARRITY

THE frolics of Brumas, the baby bear, have so captivated Londoners that the Zoo turnstiles are clicking to the tune of 5,000 visitors and £400 an hour.

In four months Brumas has established herself as a bigger money-spinner than any other entertainment in London.

During the last fine week-end 31,394 visitors paid more than £2,000 for admission, double the figures for the corresponding week-end in 1949.

On Easter week-end the attendance exceeded 100,000. On Good Friday alone there was a record crowd of 51,000.

She is a clown

WHAT is the secret of Burma's remarkable popularity?

I should say it is that Brumas hypnotises the crowds with hours of non-stop comedy.

She is not just a lovable, cuddly baby bear. She is a clown, an acrobat, a ballerina, and an almost-human imp rolled into one.

There is not one dull moment from 11 a.m., when she makes her bounding, sprawling entrance, blinking in the morning sun, until 5 p.m. when she drowsily answers the sandman's call.

Not only the children yell with delight as Brumas goes through her repertoire of swimming, somersaulting, stalking her mother, Ivy, in playful combat, or skidding in Chaplin fashion round the rocks.

Grown-ups often outnumber the children. Sometimes the children can't get a look-in.

How does Brumas spend her day?

In mother's arms Although still fond of milk, Brumas is being weaned and now shares the same food as her mother. The mealtime scene is an object lesson in table manners. Neither raids the other's ration. If Brumas wanders off, Ivy grabs her and holds the cub over the food until she has "licked the platter clean."

This, reports Zoo correspondent Craven Hill, is part of the rigid routine which the keepers believe is the secret of Brumas's excellent condition. Meanwhile, Ivy is busy cleaning up Brumas, licking her coat as meticulously as any cat ever groomed her kittens.

At 11 a.m. the gates to the outside world of rocks and pools—and humans—are opened. Ivy introduces her offspring to the cameras that click all day. This is lesson time. All polar bears must know how to swim.



Can a mother's tender care cease towards the child she bears?

Brumas has passed the novice stage now. At first Ivy carried her baby through the water by the scruff of the neck. Then one day she released Brumas in the middle of the pool.

Brumas, now a confident swimmer, enjoys her dip and playfully attacks her mother in the water.

Happiest moment At 5 p.m. Ivy and Brumas are invited into their den and given a light meal of warm milk, a little honey, and a little ball of wool for the baby as precaution against rickets.

Brumas, tired out by now, needs no coaxing to a cradle of hay at 6 p.m. This is probably Ivy's happiest moment. She nurses Brumas in almost human fashion, and rocks her baby to sleep.

How much sleep does Brumas get? The keepers say she sleeps "pretty soundly," for the bedding is never much disturbed. Brumas has a secret. She has a bad temper. That is why no visitor will ever be permitted to stroke her woolly coat. Recently Keeper Smith was wrestling the cub when she bit him in the arm.

"It was no joke," he said. "She's got a perfect set of teeth now, as sharp as needles." Despite her naughty lapses, Brumas consented to sit on the scales. What progress she has made! At birth she measured 10 inches and weighed just under 1lb. Now, at four months, she is thriving at 28lb.

—(London Express Service)

Land of prayer  
gets ready

By SYDNEY SMITH

Gangtok, India.

TIBET, the Land of Prayer, has decided to go on a defensive war footing against Communist threats.

The Lhasa Government of hereditary nobles and "divinely appointed" monks is planning the heaviest defence budget and the biggest army in Tibet's history.

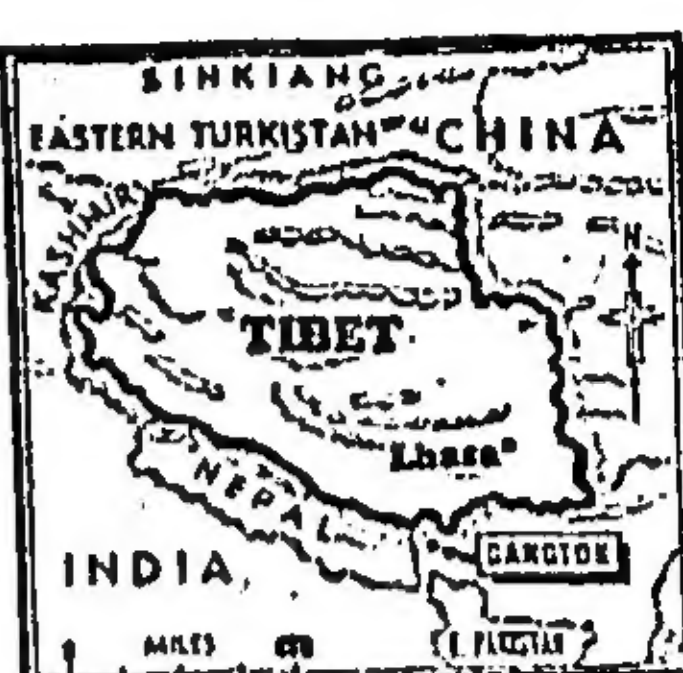
Advice has come from the omnipotent Senior Oracle in the gold-topped Potala Palace: "This year will see the end of peace in the Land of Snow." Reports from Lhasa say the recruiting target is an increase of the present 12,000 regulars and militia to 100,000. If there are not enough guns to go round, they will use swords and spears. Medieval recruiting sermons—fur-capped, knee-boots, swarthy, carrying pony riders with plumed hair and silver daggers at their belts—have arrived at Tibetan villages along nearly 2,000 miles of the Indian border.

## Bait for recruits

Their recruiting notices, roughly printed on bamboo paper, picture a long-haired Tibetan with a gun and promise better food, good tobacco rations, tea, and clothing. Conscription is being enforced only on a one-man-from-one-family basis among the trading and farming middle classes who, if they have not a man to spare, must either pay an indemnity equal to the cost of one soldier or hire a servant to join for them.

Another forceful military measure just completed is the transfer from Lhasa of troops of the Dalai Lama, with two batteries of 30-year-old mountaineers and a few modern Brens, to the province of Tsang, home territory of the exiled Panchen Lama, pawn of the Communists.

The Lhasa forces have deposed and transferred all the Panchen Lama's troops, police, and Government officers. Suspected Communists and militant Panchen Lama supporters, including monks, are disappearing into monastic dungeons.



The Chinese Communists have rebuilt three wartime airstrips hundreds of miles inside Tibet at Sining, Chamdo, and Jyekundo.

On the north-western borders of Tibet, in Ladakh and on the Kashmir borders of Eastern Turkistan, Russian forces have completed a string of mountain forts and three airfields, which they have just handed over to the newly arrived "Chinese Liberation Forces." One of the airfields is within 100 miles of Indian Kashmir.

The two leading players in this first top-of-the-world political skirmish are a pair of omnipotent enthroned little boys—reincarnated lamas, in conical hats and maroon-and-yellow silk gowns.

14 And 12

Neither has ever played a game or seen a toy, or met a fellow child. Both have already completed their studies in logic, philosophy, theology, and metaphysics without ever leaving their silk-carved thrones and bannered boudoirs.

The Dalai Lama, Lhasa's supreme ruler with the qualified approval of the Senior Oracle, is 14 years old. His rival, the Panchen Lama, is 12. But they are about the only individuals in Tibet or China who know nothing of the threats and fears exchanged in their names. They are well-protected by their septuagenarian regents.

—(London Express Service)

## C. V. R. Thompson

If I were President

—by Mrs Debolt

NEW YORK.

WE men are not laughing so heartily today over that old, old prediction that America will soon be having a woman President.

That is because the latest prophet is Mrs Randolph Debolt. I had hardly met Mrs Debolt, who at 48 looks like the matron of a nursing home for gentlewomen, before she said it.

"After all," she argued, "we women raise sons who become presidents. So why shouldn't we become President ourselves? Any woman who can run a home can run a Government." I thought to stump her by asking how a woman would get elected. Her quick answer was—"Just like I got elected mayor of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, but on a larger scale." This is how Mrs Debolt was elected mayor of a town of 10,000 people in a State where men are men.

"My husband owns a drug store," she said, "and I used to help him. I kept chatting with folks and I was always telling them what I'd do if I were mayor. Clean up the city, paint the city hall, pave the streets and put the cops in decent uniforms and so on."

"Well, next thing, a group of citizens nominated me. I got in by a four to one majority, which my opponent, a man, thought was such a disgrace that he left town. 'I've done everything I promised to do. A woman always does.'"

IT IS GETTING impossible to go anywhere in New York without running into pickets protesting about something or other. I went to hear Kluge Plagstad in her first concert of the season. Outside were the usual 100 men and women chanting "Singin' Nazis are still Nazis—no home."

I went to a cocktail party for Sir Basil Brooke, Ulster Prime Minister. Outside his hotel were 200 "Minutemen," as they call themselves, singing. "We may be short of water, but we don't want a dirty Brooke."

TO HOLLYWOOD has gone a man with a difficult mission. In a fortnight, Stephen Jackson, a former New York judge, must find enough evidence to report to Congress on the stars' morals. And he promises to do it without talking to a single actor or actress. How he will get this information he will not say. Hurt that Congress is investigating them again, Hollywood is doubly so that Mr Jackson is picked for the job. He used to be a judge in a juvenile court.

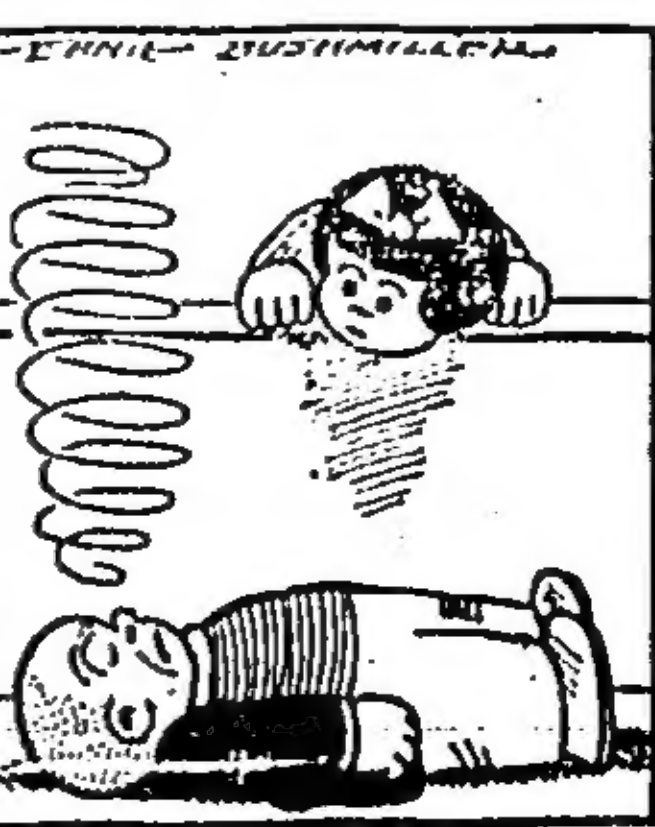
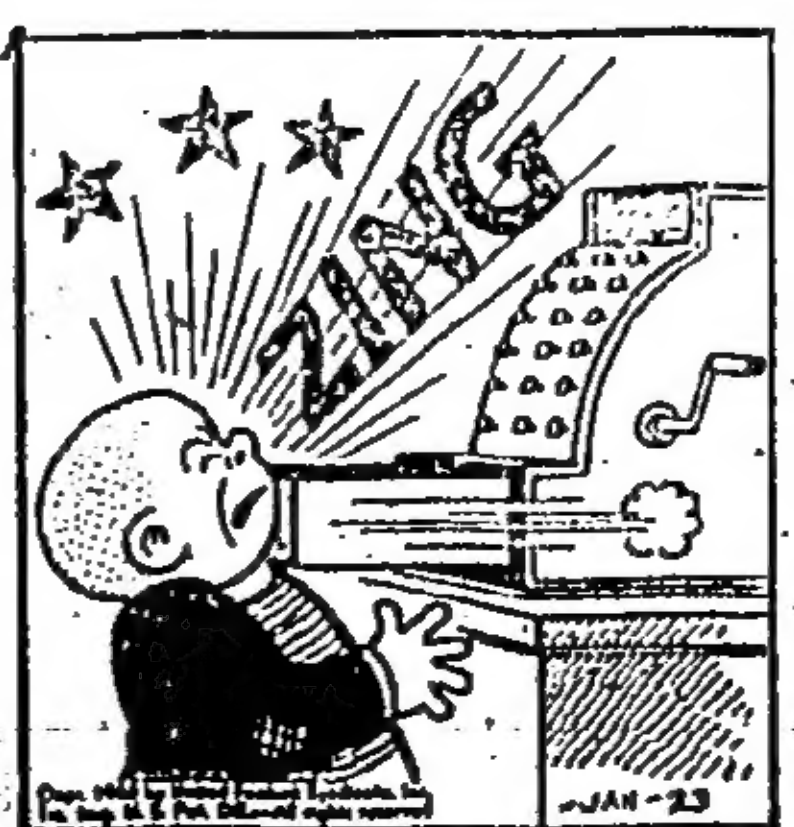
ACCORDING to statistics, a people who are the subject of most jokes by radio and TV comedians are: Vice-President Alben Barkley, Mayor William O'Dwyer, Margaret Truman, Al Jackson, and Roberto Rossellini.

CHALLENGE to President Truman from a critic in his own party. Virginia's Senator Harry Byrd: Prove to us you really are not a Socialist.

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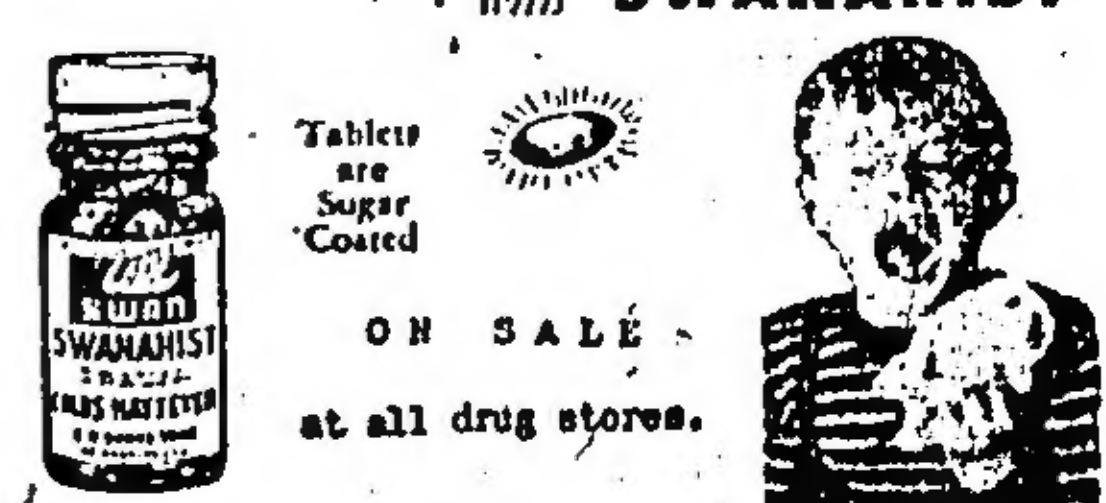
Automatic Time Out

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## BIDAULT TALKS OF THE WORLD'S GREAT INSOMNIA

Argenton Sur Creuse, France, Apr. 23.—The Prime Minister, Georges Bidault, said today that he still hoped for an understanding between East and West in the cold war but it would depend on the East. M. Bidault came here to award the Croix de Guerre to this town, where the Nazi SS killed 67 persons in June 1944.

He said: "The great insomnia of the world begins once again the day after a great tragedy."

In such an arduous moment—I cannot give up hope that possibilities for meetings and agreements can exist between the two halves of the world. Essentially, however, they do not depend on us, who have offered them so often. They depend on the wisdom of others who must at last reply to our wisdom."

M. Bidault did not mention the Soviet Union by name, but he said the great task was to remain vigorously on guard to see that "their principles" were

never applied to the "world of liberty".

Turning of internal affairs, M. Bidault called for a halt to Communist-inspired activities which, under the standard of peace, are all too often acts of civil war.—United Press.

## Steamer Explosion In Antwerp

Antwerp, Apr. 23.—Police sources tonight denied a report, according to which 12 dockers were slightly injured this morning, when Communist demonstrators clashed with the police here.

They say the confusion arose from the fact that 12 dockers were injured, four of them severely, when the boiler of the Norwegian steamer, Niborn, on board which they worked, exploded late last night.

The same sources did not deny, however, that rubber truncheons were used against the demonstrators, some of whom received blows. But they formally deny that the Communist deputy, M. Franz Van Den Branden, had been hit. The police had received orders not to touch him on account of his Parliamentary immunity, they explained.

According to the same sources, even when Van Den Branden jumped at a policeman's throat to action was taken against him.

It was a friend of Van Den Branden that rang up Antwerp newspaper offices announcing that the deputy had been injured by police truncheons, the sources added.—Reuter.

## Vietminh guerillas attack train

Paris, Apr. 23.—Indo-Chinese Vietminh insurgents last night attacked a military train on the Nhatrang-Saigon line, 27 miles east of Saigon, according to an Agence France Presse report.

Train guards, aided by aircraft, drove off the raiders. A French Headquarters communiqué said that the attackers suffered heavy losses, while six Vietnamese were killed. Before the attack, the Vietminh guerillas cut the railway line to stop the train.

The French military authorities in Hanoi today announced the recapture of the post of Phu Lu (in the Red River valley, south of Laos), which was evacuated on February 13 after Vietminh attacks.

The Red River valley is now being held by French troops, the Hanoi statement added. To accommodate Vietnamese refugees, four games under Vietminh control, Buddhist pagodas in Hanoi will be partly converted into rest centres for the local authorities.

Hanoi's present population of 200,000 is twice the number at the outbreak of the fighting five years ago.—Reuter.

## More Women At The House



With each new Parliament the number of women elected is steadily increasing, and following the recent General election and the Manchester by-election, won by Miss Florence Horsburgh, the number has reached 21. Here is a picture specially posed on the terrace on the House: (left to right) Dr Edith Summerskill (Labour), Lady Megan Lloyd George (Liberal) and the youngest Miss Pat Hornsby-Smith (Conservative).

## Big Three do not want Germany as buffer between East and West

Washington, Apr. 23.—United States officials said today that the idea of establishing a unified but politically neutral Germany as a buffer between East and West would receive little if any support at the forthcoming conversations of the Big Three Foreign Ministers in London despite recent articles in support of it which have appeared in the American press.

These officials, some of whom are concerned with drafting the agenda of the Foreign Ministers' meeting, took the position that even if such a Germany could be developed—which they said was highly unlikely—the French in particular could hardly be expected to stand for the recreation of a situation so potentially similar to those of 1914 and 1939.

Officials pointed out that while the idea of Germany as a strong "third force" in Europe, dedicated by its strength and geographical position to prevention of a major East-West conflict, might appear attractive in principle, there was little in German history to suggest that she would long remain neutral. And they contended that, in any case, a powerful neutral Germany could again become a threat to her neighbours as she did before.

In private conversations, officials here do not conceal their concern at what they call Germany's "historic propensity" for making treaties with the Soviet Union. They might some day be revived in a new version of the 1922 Rapallo or the 1939 Hitler-Stalin agreement.

They said it is of small help to reflect that those two treaties lasted only a short time and collapsed when no longer dictated by expediency. They explained that there was no way of knowing how long a similar future agreement might be considered expedient.

### "PAPER NEUTRALITY"

In view of such considerations, the United States and other Allied leaders are expected to be cautious so that they are not manoeuvred into accepting proposals for "paper neutrality" which later place the Germans in a position to bargain East and West off against each other.

It is acknowledged in official quarters that a certain amount of bargaining is taking place at present and it poses one of the problems the Foreign Ministers must face in attempting to decide their future course in Germany.

Although it is acknowledged there has been some discussion in the preliminary planning for the London meeting, as to what the Allies are in a position to offer the Germans in the way of additional concessions.

The U.S. High Commissioner in Germany, John McCloy, and other American officials, in public statements in the past few days, appear to have ruled out any hope that the Germans may have had for defence forces of their own or immediate drastic changes in the occupation statute.

### STEEL PRODUCTION

However, it is pointed out here that there still remain several politically feasible offers that the Allies can make to the Bonn Republic, which, at least for the time being, may satisfy the Adenauer government in its demands for more and more

sovereignty and economic independence. The best informed sources feel the most probable limits of the Foreign Ministers will be for an increase in the size of Germany's merchant marine and authorised output of the Ruhr mills. The figures most often suggested unofficially here for the new level of steel production is 1,500,000 tons, a reduction from the 11,100,000 at present.

There also appears the possibility that the Germans will be given a greater degree of home control over other so-called "restricted" industries.—United Press.

## Schism Developing Over Policy In Peking Politburo

The Peking Communist Government's grand policy in national affairs has been completely recast and everything is now believed to be subordinated to preparations in case there is a third world war.

According to a highly placed Chinese who has just arrived in Hongkong from Peking, Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Peking Government and also head of the Communist Party, now believes that a new world war is inevitable, and since his return from Moscow the Peking Government's plans have been drastically revised.

The highest priority is now being given to military preparations and conservation of supplies according to the role which China would have to play as an ally of Russia.

Demobilisation plans for the big Chinese Communist Army have been shelved, and a nationwide campaign is now under way to enlist youths aged 15 and above in Chinese People's Youth Army.

Reconstruction work started in many cities just after the take-over from the Nationalists has been abandoned or postponed, and trade and economic development plans are being left in abeyance.

### SCHISM POSSIBLE

According to the informant, many of the Chinese Communists top leaders are themselves in disagreement with this view, and even those who think there might be a new world war are opposed to placing China's national aspirations and needs below the pledge to support Soviet Russia.

A schism is developing in the Peking Politburo, but how

## Peace Project Rouses Interest

Washington, Apr. 23.—The State Department has asked the French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, for more information on his proposed "High Council" of the Atlantic Powers, usually reliable Washington sources said today.

The message was reported to have encouraged M. Bidault and supported his general objective of Western co-operation, without endorsing his proposal that the 12 Atlantic Treaty nations create an "Atlantic High Council for Peace" to coordinate all major policies—strategic, economic and political. State Department officials had been studying the plan since M. Bidault's announcement a week ago, it was learned. They were said to be still cautious because they were uncertain of the Prime Minister's exact ideas; whether he envisaged a new agency or a new broadened use of the present North Atlantic Council. State Department officials pointed out that the Council had authority to consider political and economic problems of the North Atlantic area, but not machinery to deal with them. In its first year, emphasis had been on the development of Committee machinery for devising Atlantic defence plans.—Reuter.

## Outlook Good In Greece

London, Apr. 23.—Mr Henry Grady, the American Ambassador to Greece, arrived here today from Athens in a United States Air Force Dakota. Mr Grady, who will stay in Britain for two days, told reporters that American aid to Greece "should definitely be carried on."

The Greek Government, although topsy-turvy after the elections, is stable and the outlook appears good for the future," he added.—Reuter.

## Golfer Found Hanged

London, Apr. 23.—The well-known amateur golfer, Ronald Ryle Hardman, who played in the American Walker Cup tournament in 1925, was found hanging in his garage at his home in Birkdale, Southport, yesterday. He was 50.—Reuter.

## MacMahon Ball Alarmed

MacMahon, Apr. 23.—The use of Australian troops in Malaya might light new flames through the whole of Eastern Asia, Professor William MacMahon Ball, the British Commonwealth member of the Allied Control Council in Japan, said in a broadcast tonight.

The situation would immediately come to be regarded not as a domestic British issue in which the established authorities were trying to restore law and order, but as an international political issue.

Many Malaysians, who had given full support to the British, were still reacting from a sense of insult at Australia's use of immigration policy. The use of Australian troops might lose the British the moral support of the people, Professor MacMahon Ball said.—Reuter.

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## SABOTAGE TRIAL IN RED ZONE

Berlin, Apr. 23.—East Germany's first mass sabotage trial is due to begin tomorrow, when nine men, including a former Christian Democrat Minister, face a court at Dessau, Saxony-Anhalt.

The Christian Democrat Dr Leo Herwegen, formerly Saxony-Anhalt's Labour Minister, another defendant, Friedrich Methefel, former Dessau gas works director, has taken refuge in West Germany and will be tried in his absence.

The East Germany Government has invited seven Western correspondents and several German journalists from West Berlin to attend the trial.

The nine men face charges that since December, 1945, they consistently and actively, with intent to sabotage, frustrated German economic measures, thus causing great harm to Germany's reconstruction and the people's heritage.—Reuter.

## Comet Bid For New Record

Hatfield, Hertfordshire, Apr. 23.—The record-breaking De Havilland Comet—the world's first four-jet airliner—will roll away tomorrow to attempt the fastest flight in history on the stretch from London to Cairo.

Group Captain John Cunningham hopes to chop at least 80 minutes from the present 6 hrs 35 min. point-to-point record for the 3,500 kilometres flight.

The sensational Comet, firmly established as a world beater by test flights of 800 miles per hour to Tripoli, Rome and Copenhagen, will fly from Cairo for a tropical test at Khartoum and Nairobi.

There it will receive further ground tests under conditions of extreme heat and altitude ready for ultimate service on the British-Australia service.

The silver-winged aircraft will take a dozen technicians and a substantial cargo in the form of test equipment on tomorrow's flight.

Since first taking the air last July she has logged nearly 250 hours flying time.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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## Alan Hoby Relates

## HOW ONE MAN'S FAITH RESTORED JOE MERCER TO SOCCER STARDOM

When a man is elected Footballer of the Year in front of some 2,000 fellow professionals (collective transfer value about £1,250,000), he must possess qualities of heart and mind which stand out like the Eiffel Tower.

Such a man is Joe Mercer. A fortnight ago I picked the 35-year-old Mercer as Footballer of the Year. Now the nation's sports writers have confirmed that choice. Everyone in Soccer knows Joe. To the crowds he is the half-back with superb ball skill and those famous spindly legs shaped, his school pals used to say, like a spiral staircase.

To the players he is the skipper who calls to them through gritted teeth at the height of the battle: "Go on. Go on!"

**NON-STOP**  
As Denis Compton puts it, you may be just about ready to drop. But you never do—not with non-stop Joe behind you and not when you're playing for Arsenal.

For Mercer is more than one of the great half-backs of the century. Indelibly stamped on his cheerful per-

sonality are those top "C's" of life—Character, Colour, Class.

All his career, in fact, he has had to shoulder responsibility, to make the hard decision with no judgment to aid him but his own.

**THE TURNING POINT**  
Biggest decision of all was to quit Everton, after more than 14 years with them, and to join Arsenal in 1940.

"Few people know it, but that was the turning-point of my career," Joe told me last week.

"At the time I was on the floor as a footballer—finished, I thought. Not only was I 31 but Arsenal bought me when my left knee was in terrible shape. I had undergone a cartilage operation the previous summer.

"In fact, I couldn't run a lap of the ground and it was all I could do to get fit between Saturdays.

"But Tom Whittaker had faith in me. It was his treatment which got me right, his shrewd advice which made me change my style successfully. I owe more to Tom than I can ever say to Tom and Arsenal."

## HE WAS CHEAP

Arsenal bought Joe fantastically cheap for £7,000. But today, in the moral currency of leadership, initiative, and dynamic drive, Mercer's value cannot be measured in money.

And when he leads Arsenal on to Wembley's manicured pitch this Saturday, those who are there will see what I mean.

Decision No. 2 in Joe's life came up on his last season. Let Mrs Mercer take up the story.

"I tried to persuade him to retire. He has a big grocery business in Liverpool, and I was afraid for his health. So he went to see Tom Whittaker in London."

Everyone knows the sequel. And Mrs Mercer adds: "Of course, I'm glad now he didn't."

**ALL-TIME RECORD?**  
Mercer played 22 times during the war for England, seven times as captain. Since then he has won a League Championship medal with Arsenal.

Now he may set up a record which will never be equalled. (a) He will be the first man to lead his team in the Cup Final a year after he should have retired!

(b) He is the only Liverpool-born citizen now resident in this great city who wants Arsenal to win!

**£1,000 A YEAR**  
And what is all this worth to him? Compared with the top players in golf, lawn tennis, baseball, and even cricket a mere pittance.

Football stars like Jack Kramer and Richard Gonzalez earn between £30,000 and £35,000; golfer Bobby Locke, £10,000; champion jockey Gordon Richards, £15,000; baseball star Ted Williams, £37,500 and Joe DiMaggio, £25,000 respectively.

Even Joe Mercer's team-mate, Denis Compton, got a cricket benefit last year totalling £12,000.

Joe's annual income from professional football? About £1,000 a year, with post-playing credits and benefits.

Omen: Mrs Margaret Dyson, Joe's mother-in-law, has yet to see Arsenal lose. "She travels with him to Hove for every Cup tie. Joe personally guarantees her presence at Wembley."

**ADVANCE AUSTRALIA!**  
How long before the Australians (pop. 7,500,000) smash the sports supremacy of the United States (pop. 148,000,000)? Don't laugh. Australia is almost there NOW.

Recently in America, John Marshall, 20-year-old Australian Olympic swimmer, fractured the sports supremacy of the United States (pop. 148,000,000) by winning the 400 metres and 440 yards free-style. And he's only just started!

In tennis the Aussies are the second most powerful nation. Frank Sedgman at 22 is a future Wimbledon champion.

Not far behind him is Australia's new "find," 20-year-old Ken McGregor, who is 6ft. 2½in. and has a reach of 6ft. 6in. Then there is that other rising star, George Worthington.

**THEIR SECRET**  
In athletics they are going up like rockets. They are swamped everywhere at the Empire Games, although the weather admittedly helped them.

In cricket, of course—and that's where we enter the argument—no one can touch them. In football they play Rugby Union, Rugby League, Soccer, and their own Australian brand. The "Wallabies," when they were over here, were good enough to take on our best, and in cycling they have a world (amateur) champion in Syd Patterson.

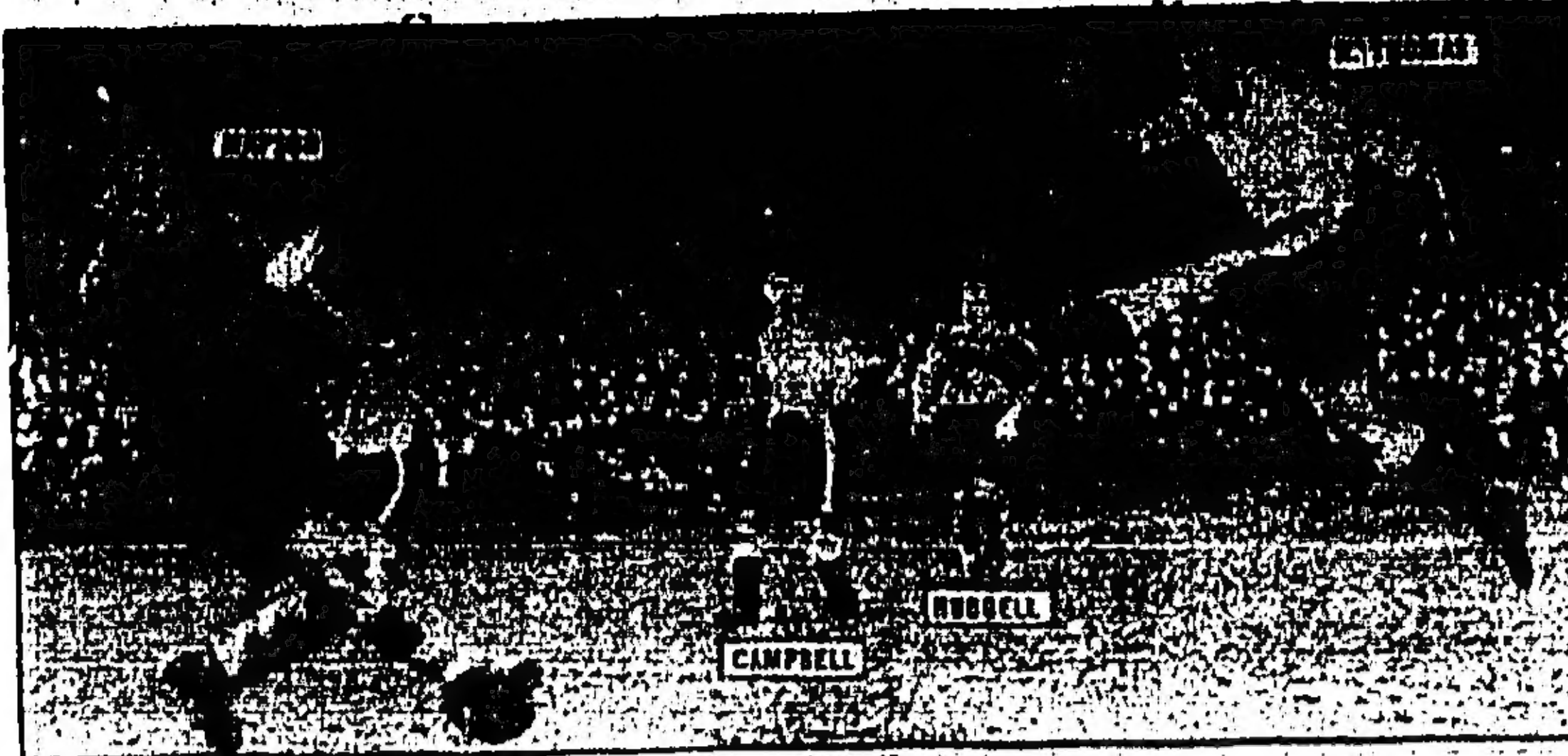
I salute Australia. What is their secret? Just a natural love of all games plus tremendous verve and will-to-win.

I am told there is a boy called Paul Perry, who, at 10½, possesses a cannon-ball service and a really promising forward and backhand drive.

Fred Perry was interested in him when he was over here. Well, he's certainly got the right name.

—London Express Service.

## MAPSON AWAITS THE CRASH



Sunderland goalkeeper Johnny Mapson shuts his eyes and grimaces as Bob Thomas, the Fulham rocket, sails through the air with the agility of a hurdler. It was Mapson's lucky day at Fulham. Thomas got the ball from him, scored, but no congratulations. The referee ruled that Thomas was offside.—Express.

## AS JOHN MACADAM SAW IT:

## 96 Bottles Of Rum Would Have Helped Their Calypso

Now, into the station at Waterloo came the West Indian cricketers when they were due. They stood around the platform in batches, smiling like they didn't care if they never won any matches.

There were 12 of them arrived, looking just a little light. The reason was not far to look—their cargo of Barbados rum was took. The Customs boys didn't think they were dipso, but they still didn't feel 96 bottles would help their Calypso.

They certainly looked a cheerful band as they were welcomed in with a very big hand. They were welcomed by Sir Pelham Warner and by Leveson-Gower, looking a little less stern. They were welcomed by McDonald Bailey, who greeted all his old school chums gaily. They were welcomed by guitar and voice, and a clarinet and all the boys.

That is about as far as we would like to go in the Calypso manner, but it was a neat gesture to greet them with their own kind of music that they all love just about as much as they love cricket.

They don't bother about any special food, "whatever is going is all right for us," said John Goddard, their captain, and manager J. M. Kidney.

But they were a little puzzled by the unimaginative Customs' impounding of their rum, which, in small doses and particularly in this weather, they regard as a food. It was given them by Goddard's family distillery. His people are the biggest stores controllers in the West Indies.

**SUGAR... FRUIT**  
They've got some sugar and some grape fruit, but apart from that, nothing special. They will have a day or two looking around London, practise at Lord's, and then move off to Eastbourne to train for ten days full-out.

In their programme they have four five-day Tests, 30 three-day games, and three of one day each. The first one-day fixture will be against the Club Cricket Conference at Kingston on April 28, and their first county opponents are Worcestershire on May 6.

It is obvious that this happy bunch are going to be very popular, and there is a deep conviction among those who know the standard to which they play that, with any kind of weather at all, they will beat more than beat them. London's West Indian colony, which was represented at Waterloo that night, takes this line strongly. Anyhow, we are taking the matter as seriously as it merits.

Apart from Leveson-Gower (Leeson-Gore, if you don't mind) and "Pinky" Warner, the meeting party included MCC secretary Colonel Rolt-Kerr, with assistants, and G. O. Allen, with his arm in a sling.

**"BABY" ROY**  
They shook hands with a side that captain Goddard claims is the strongest and best-balanced that has ever left the West Indies.

Indies. They average in age about 26, with Roy Marshall, the baby at 19, and fast bowler Hines Johnson the veteran at 39.

Batting stars are likely to be, according to manager Kidney, Walcott, Weekes, Worrell, Stollmeyer, and Trestrail. All of these have scored freely against India and against MCC in the West Indies.

That's one innovation from the Empire for the British sporting scene. The other is Fred Tupper, Australian radio commentator, who handled the description of the Queen's Prize at Kempton with a detailed speed that was phenomenal by any standards, but particularly so in regard to the fact that he has had very little time to acclimatise himself to our colours and riding styles.

He had every one of 12 horses placed in position all the way through, never faltered nor hesitated. Mr Tupper is an acquisition.

—(London Express Service)

## INDIANS DO WELL IN LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

London, Apr. 22.—Phadkar Mankad, the Indian Test cricketer, was at the top of the form playing for Castle Moor against Oldham this afternoon at the start of the Lancashire Central League season.

Almost unplayable on the damp pitch, he got eight wickets for 22 runs. The first Oldham wicket fell to Mankad at eight runs, the second and third at nine. Then a procession of batsmen went in and out quickly, mostly going to catches in the field and stumpings off Mankad's bowling.

Oldham were all out for 68 runs. Mankad went in to bat first wicket down, but smashed at the ball and was caught without having scored. For a time it seemed that Castle Moor might fail to reach Oldham's total, but eventually they went on to win by 32 runs.

Among the spectators this afternoon were Mankad's wife and two children, watching their first English cricket match. Mankad will be coach to Manchester University Cricket Club during the season. Last season, his first in the Lancashire Central League, he smashed a 12-year-old record by making 1,407 runs and taking 124 wickets.

Amarnath, of India, scored four not out and took four wickets in 34 runs in helping Radcliffe to defeat Ashton by five wickets in the Lancashire Central League. His bowling was a feature of the match. After making the ball move sharply in his spinners, Ashcroft's innings ended at 90. Amarnath, second wicket down, was still batting when Radcliffe passed this total.

**PINNED DOWN**  
Pinned down by a young spin bowler, he could only make four runs in a long spell at the wicket.

Rain stopped play when Werneth, for whom the Indian, P. Umrigar, was playing, had reached 50 for three wickets in reply to Rochdale's 130 in their Lancashire Central League match.

Umrigar bowled consistently, taking three wickets for 63 and claiming both the opening batsmen.

Charlie Barnett, the former England and Gloucester batsman, hit 61 spectacular runs for Rochdale. Umrigar had scored 10 not out for Werneth when play was abandoned.

The Indian professional, Hazare, saw his first Lancashire Central League fixture of the season end in defeat today when Royton (64 all out) lost to Littleborough, who made 68 for seven.

Hazare scored six runs and took three wickets. He was out when he tried to hook a loose ball, misjudged it and was caught at square leg.—Reuter.

## OXFORD TRIAL

Oxford, Apr. 22.—M. B. Hofmeyr scored 25 when he met D. B. Carr's XI today in the first Oxford University cricket trial. The Indian fast bowler, R. Divecha, claimed two wickets for 51 for Carr's XI, including that of Hofmeyr, whom he dismissed leg-before. He bowled 20 overs, one of which was a maiden.

Fast bowlers received little help from the easy paced pitch. M. G. Wright, of Ceylon, made 66 for Hofmeyr's XI before he fell stumped and was associated in a stand of 125 for the third wicket.

Hofmeyr's XI made 295 and Carr's side were 41 for zero at the close of play.—Reuter.

## Club Win Old Comrades Cup

Playing in six inches of mud at Salkung yesterday, Hongkong Football Club beat the Middlesex Regiment 4-3 for the Old Comrades football challenge cup presented by A. S. Watson and Company to commemorate the long association of Middlesex with the Club.

Club only won after extra time following one of the most thrilling games of the season. Club were two goals ahead after ten minutes and at half-time it was 2-2. Ten minutes after the interval, Club again scored but the military side equalised before the end.

Barber and Mullen were collected for the Club while Glendhill played one of his best games.

## WORLD RECORD

Carablanca, Apr. 23.—Glaucia Vallery, a young French girl swimmer, today beat the world record for the 100 Metres Breast Stroke here by clocking 1 min. 17.4 secs.

The official world record, held by Nel van Vliet, of Holland, is 1 min. 18.2 secs.—Reuter.

## ON THE RECORD NEXT SATURDAY'S QUADRANGULAR LOOKS PROMISING

The athletic season got a little further into stride on Saturday when the Army beat the Combined Schools easily at Caroline Hill, winning seven of the nine events.

The absence from the meeting of the King George V School contingent qualified to represent the Combined Schools left the schoolboys short of another victory, as Peter McRae, the Schools' sprint champion, would have probably taken the 100 metres despite the fast time returned by Dunn of Army in taking the event in 11.3 seconds on a heavy track.

Otherwise, the Army were a far superior team to start with and in the circumstances the victory of Ling Sum of the Wah Yan P.M. School in the 800 Metres final, in which he finished fifth, and had a relay leg to do.

However, he certainly did not look capable that afternoon of another fraction of an inch and Saturday's performance promises better heights to come.

The performance of Stephen Castro in winning the 200 Metres in 23.0 seconds was most encouraging—though he did better time than that in coming second in the Inter-School Championship—was as a reminder of the fact that there is a minimum of four sprinters in the Colony today who can beat 24 seconds for the distance, a happier state of affairs in local athletics than we have ever known.

Anderson of Army again broke 2 minutes 10 seconds for the 800 Metres. Not long ago in this column we mentioned the fact that there have not been such half-milers in this Colony since the days of D. S. Blake and M. G. Wright.

Further inquiry reveals that the record locally is two minutes and 10 seconds, set by the Royal Scots.

That was when Peter was a real young'un, but not too long ago he ran second in a Mile race.

For the Army team, Saturday's meet was in the nature of a warm-up for next Saturday's annual Quadrangular between Army, Royal Navy & R. M. Commandos, the Royal Air Force and South China Athletic Association.

One of the big events of this meeting could be a hurdles race between Ho Hui-ping, the former Inter-School Champion from St. Joseph's, and Major Skipwith, who went over the hurdles in 16.4 seconds on Saturday.

Army have a team this season that could run the South China AA very close in the fight for points and could even come out the winners.

The Army team is strong from the 800 Metres up, though there will still be the challenge in the longer runs of Wong Ching-ling, South China's

Veteran Olympic star. In the field events, Army should win the Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Discus and Javelin Throws. The relays are anybody's, with the odds on South China.

The Quadrangular has done a lot of good for Hongkong athletics and the pity of it is that it cannot be made into a six-way meet with the University and either the Combined Schools or St. Joseph's as the other two teams.

Next season should see some considerable changes in the local soccer world. Army should be in a better position to know what talent they can call on, St. Joseph's, plagued by injuries, this season, should be able to round up all their best talent for one of the teams of the year.

Finally, South China, with a youthful side having absorbed more experience, should come closer to being a power in the local soccer world. Meanwhile, six months of waiting.

—"RECORDER."

## Tennis League Fixtures

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hongkong Cricket Club on April 20, it was decided to play matches of the Men's B and Ladies' B Divisions on Monday; Men's A and Ladies' A on Tuesday; Men's C and Mixed A on Thursday; and Men's D and Mixed B on Friday. This schedule will hold for every week starting from May 1.

The following is the schedule for the first week in May, with the home team's name given first:

Monday, May 1, Men's B: South China Athletic Association v. United Services Recreation Club; Club de Recreio v. Kowloon Cricket Club; Chinese Recreation Club v. Craignagower Cricket Club; Indian Recreation Club v. Ladies' Recreation Club; Hongkong Cricket Club v. SCAA.

Tuesday, May 2, Ladies' B: Recreio v. HKCC v. USRC; LRC v. CCC; Hongkong University Lawn Tennis Club v. Recreio "Blue"; SCAA v. KCC.

Wednesday, May 3, Men's A: HKCC v. KCC; CRC v. HKU; Recreio v. SCAA; Club de Recreio v. CRC; USRC v. KCC.

Thursday, May 4, Mixed A: CRC v. SCAA; KCC v. LRC; USRC v. CCC.

Friday, May 5, Men's C: LRC v. SCAA; Kowloon Indian Tennis Club v. Kowloon Dock Club; HKCC v. Recreio; Kaitik RAF v. CRC; HKU v. KCC; USRC v. CCC; CRC "1" v. CCC "1"; SCAA v. Kowloon Dock; CRC "2" v. IRC; Recreio v. KCC.

Friday, May 5, Mixed B: CCC v. CRC; LRC v. Recreio; HKU v. KCC; SCAA v. Recreio.

## GETTING INTO SHAPE



"Patsy" Hendren, the Sussex CCC coach, whipsers a word of advice to G. H. G. Daggart at the nets at Hove.







# West German Government's Grave Crisis

Frankfurt, Apr. 23.—The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, said tonight that the Allied veto of the tax law had plunged his seven-month-old Government into the gravest crisis, and he charged that the High Commissioners had acted beyond their competence.

The West German political leader said in a telephone interview that he had summoned financial experts for an emergency meeting tomorrow to discuss the situation. He indicated that his Government might resign.

## 400-Hour Dancing Marathon

Lyons, Apr. 23.—Out of 22 couples who started dancing here on April 6 in the Lyons international dance marathon, 12 and a half were still dancing today at the 400th hour of the marathon.

The half was a French partner of the Spanish girl, Patricia Soler, who has been dancing by herself since she gave up on Friday.

Although up to now short cuts have been allowed, after tonight there will be no stop dancing, which is expected to end the marathon quickly.

The waits sprint, hitherto of five minutes' duration, is to last 25 minutes tonight and is expected to knock out many of the remaining dancers. The older couples are wearing better than the youngsters.

### WROTE LETTERS

Di Folco of Lyons was led off the floor weeping and saying he was abandoning 200,000 francs, the first prize, when ordered by a doctor to stop dancing as he had developed an abscess on his thigh.

Jovita, a Spanish girl dancer, wrote letters to her admirers while dancing, using her partner's name as a desk.

Dancers are now making up to 4.10 daily in "premiums" awarded by spectators, as the number of dancers is now more numerous and the dancers fewer. Boogie-Woogie is the favourite rhythm. Two jitterbug experts from Nice gave up two days ago after having collected 2,100.

The dancers are receiving large free meals. At noon today a lunch of seven ounces of beef, lamb, ham, salad, fried potatoes and fruit was served to each dancer.

"Olive", a Marseilles dancer, who is the favourite, slept for seven hours on his partner's shoulder while still dancing.

## Persecution Denied

Bogota, Apr. 23.—The Colombian Foreign Minister, Senator Evaristo Cordero, today denied allegations by an American clergyman that Protestants were being persecuted in Colombia.

The clergyman, Mr. Daniel Patterson, recently visited Latin America, and drew up an 11-point statement, alleging the persecution.

In a note to the Colombian Ambassador in Washington, the Foreign Minister declared that there was no persecution. He added that the Minister of Education, Senator Manuel Mosquera Garces, had often complained of Protestant propaganda in certain districts, which contravened the Colombian Concordat with the Catholic Church, under which missions in these areas were specifically reserved to the Catholics.

## Death Roll In Malaya

Singapore, Apr. 23.—Britain's "anti-terrorist" police killed 61 Malayan guerrillas in March for the loss of 25 police, it was officially announced here today.

Since the emergency started in June 1948, the police had killed 1,150 guerrillas for the loss of 327 police, the announced added. The police included regulars, specially recruited civilians and part-time officers.

The guerrillas killed 47 civilians in March, the announcement said, bringing the total since the emergency to 797.

—Reuter.

## New Antibiotic



Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, left, chief of the Philippine delegation to the U.N., accepts almost US\$5,000 worth of a new antibiotic for clinical work in the Philippines. Making the presentation in New York is John L. Davenport. The drug was flown to Manila to treat sufferers. (Acme).

## Poet's Admirers Mark Centenary

Grasmere, Apr. 23.—The centenary of the death of William Wordsworth was celebrated throughout the beautiful Lakeland District today. The poet lies buried in Grasmere Churchyard.

## DANGER TO HARBOURS WARNING

Washington, Apr. 23.—Atomic scientist Dr. Harold Urey said today that the United States should do "much more" to guard against the danger that submarines with atomic bombs.

The University of Chicago scientist, discussing the problem in a transcribed radio interview, said it would be quite possible for enemy submarines to sneak into major American harbours and plant atomic bombs to explode underwater later.

He said: "We should try to guard against it. I have seen in papers that some activity along this line is being taken, and I hope very much more is taken." He did not explain what "activity" is under way.

—United Press.

## Free Concerts By Menuhin

Haifa, Apr. 23.—Yehudi Menuhin, the world famous violinist, gave free concerts in Galilee settlements and towns this week-end to mark the second anniversary of Israel's independence, which coincided with his 34th birthday.

Over 10,000 people were present last night at a concert which he gave at Ein-Ge, a settlement beside the Sea of Galilee.

There was dancing in the streets of Haifa. Cinema shows were free. Holiday crowds thronged the main squares of cities and settlements.

Trains were specially reserved under 12. Tens of thousands of youngsters had free rides on the main lines.

—Reuter.

## German Anthem Sung 3rd Time

Berlin, Apr. 23.—The former German anthem, Deutschland Uber Alles, was publicly sung here tonight for the third time since the war at the end of the annual party congress of the West Berlin Christian Democratic Union.

It was sung last Tuesday after an official meeting addressed by the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, in the presence of the Allied Commandants.

The same evening a Christian Democratic meeting, presided by Dr. Adenauer, spontaneously ended with the tune.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
Answers  
1. The Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. 2. A water filled ditch around a castle. 3. Wyoming, Wisconsin, Washington and West Virginia. 4. Information of the drum of the car. 5. D. & Spain.

## BRADMAN HAS NO COMMENT

Melbourne, Apr. 23.—Sir Donald Bradman, the famous Australian cricketer, does not intend to issue any statement on the criticisms of his conduct by the former England captain, Lord Tennyson, in Tennyson's book "Sticky Wickets," to be published tomorrow.

Contacted by telephone at his Adelaide home today, Bradman said he had heard about Tennyson's remarks but "I have got nothing to say about it."

"The whole thing is only a repetition of a statement made by Lord Tennyson back in 1948," he declared. "It is two years old. I refused to make any comment at the time, and I refuse to make any comment now."

The journalists who were there knew the facts of the case, and I have got nothing to say about it."

Lindsay Hassett, vice-captain of the 1948 Australian Test team in England, said: "Bradman always led the team elegantly and never at any time did he transgress the laws or spirit of the game. His team respected and liked him."

PLAYED HARD  
Hassett, who also captained the Australian team which recently returned from South Africa, added: "If he took exception to the incident at Lord's, when he unsuccessfully tried to see Bradman, Lord Tennyson, having explained the laws of cricket, was not in a position when that person wants to see him."

Jack Ryder, the Australian Test selector who led Australia in the 1928-29 Tests here, said: "Bradman as a captain has always played the game hard but fairly. But I do not think he had played it harder than the majority of England's captains."

"Bradman, with his vast knowledge and experience, played the game right up to the hilt, which is quite in keeping with the true tradition of cricket."

"In my close association with him as Test selector I have always found him courteous and fair-minded."

—Reuter.

## Worthless Peace Pledge

Riverside, New Jersey, Apr. 23.—A former American soldier today tore up his American-Russian pledge signed five years ago at the meeting of the Allied forces at the River Elbe "to promote world peace for all time."

"It is not worth the paper it is written on any more," 27-year-old former Private Edward P. Ruff said.

"Instead of living up to that oath, the Russians have done everything to provoke another war."

In conversation with reporters, Ruff reminisced about the rainy spring morning when his patrol pushed on ahead with 14 men to meet the Russians. He and five other men rowed across the river and were greeted like long-lost friends by the Russians on the other side.

On the spur of the moment, the peace oath was drawn up and signed. Ruff said, by the Americans and the Russian officers.

He and the other five Americans were given the Soviet Order of Glory. "There are only six Americans authorized to wear the Order of Glory," Ruff said.

"Once I thought it was an honour, right after a Russian general, pinned the medal on each member of that patrol."

But now, he said, it does not mean much in view of the Soviet Government's ruthless warlike policies.

—Reuter.

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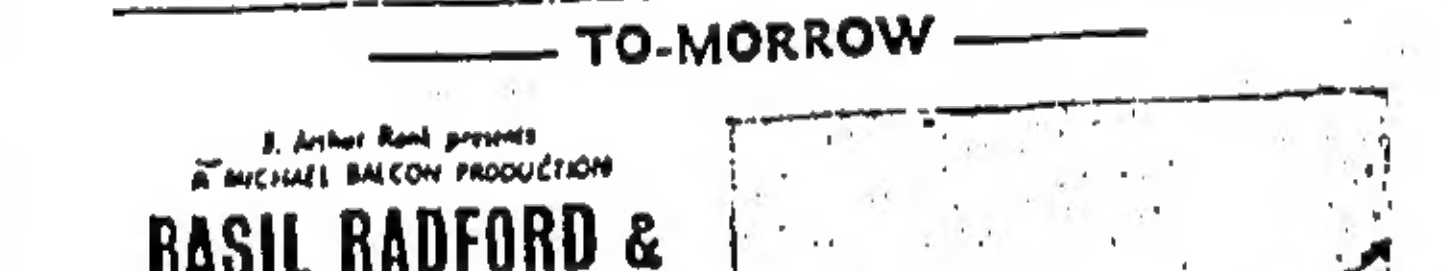
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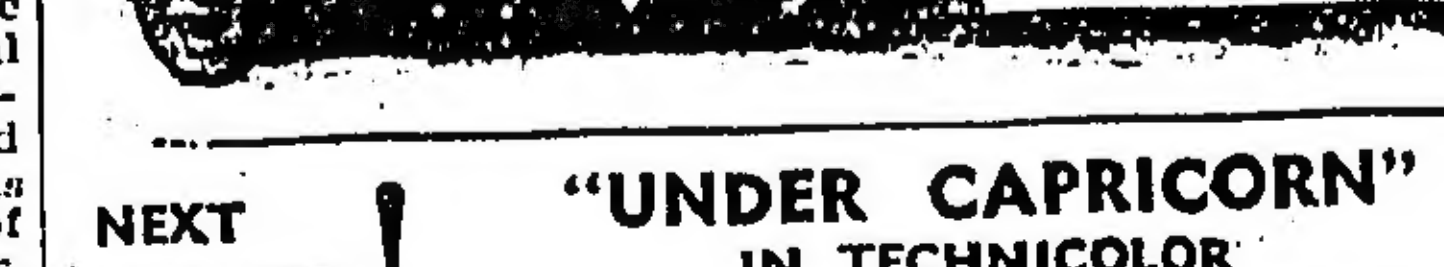
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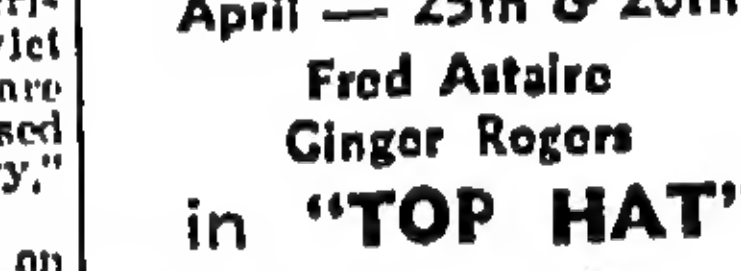
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## DEATHS

PERRY TESTER — Passed away peacefully yesterday. Funeral at Colonial Cemetery gate at 5 p.m. to-day. No flowers.

WONG — Mr. Wong Tai Yien, aged 63, beloved father of Messrs. Alexander Wong, Victor Wong, George Wong and Mrs. Kio Han Po, passed away peacefully after a long illness at his residence, No. 14-1, Tai Po Road, Kowloon, Hongkong, on 22nd April, 1950. The funeral will take place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1950, at 10 a.m. and will pass the Monument about 12 Noon.

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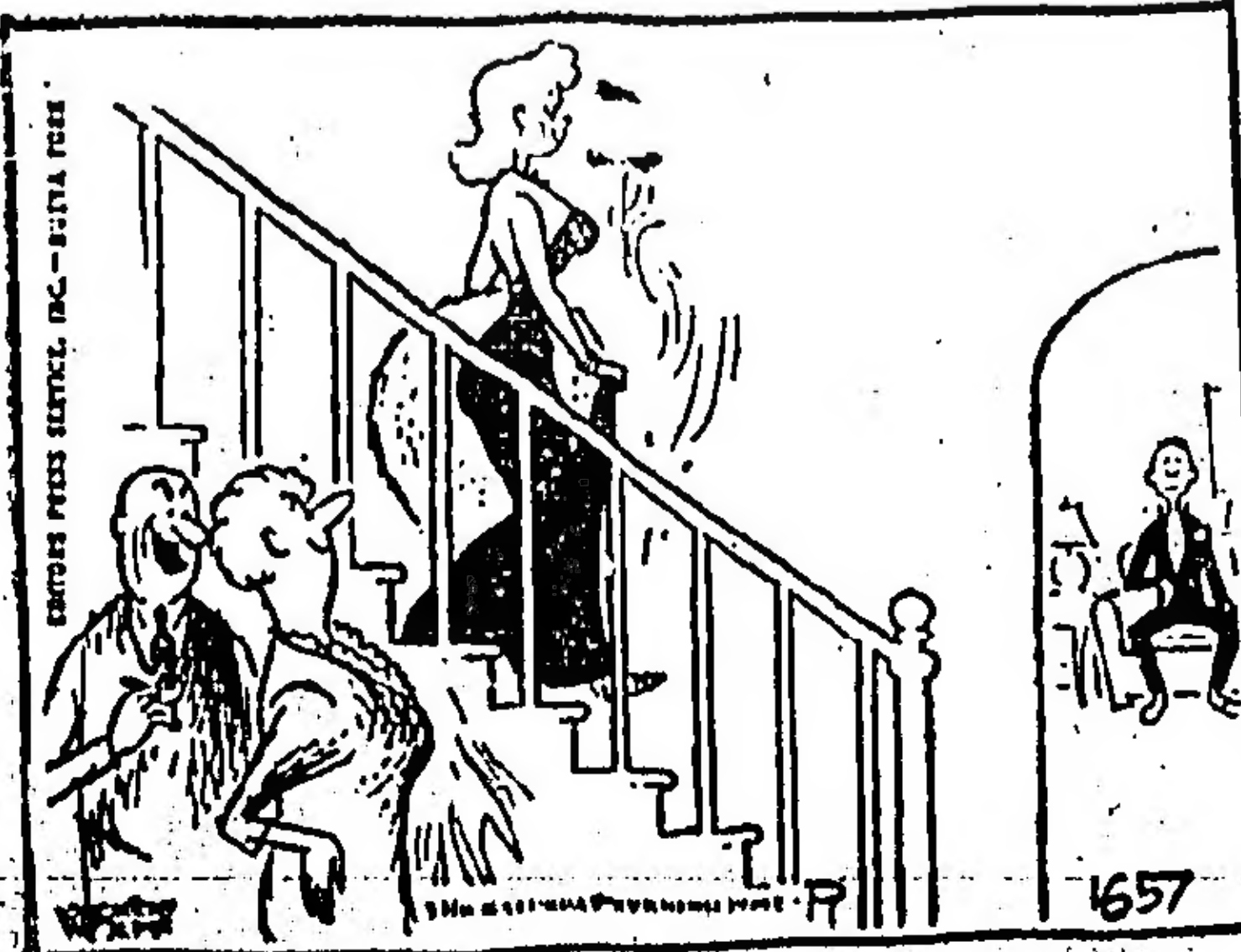
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